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## FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO OPPOSE

Oratec Interventions, Inc., of Menlo Park, California, hereby requests an extension of time of sixty days to file a Notice of Opposition against the above-identified application, to and including June 17, 2002.

The extension is needed to provide the potential Opposer and its counsel time to consider the matter, gather information, and possibly confer with the Applicant so that potential Opposer can decide whether to file an opposition. This request is for good cause and is not filed for the purpose of mere delay, and favorable consideration is requested. Pursuant to Rule 2.102(d), this request is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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